The CASE *of the Brickmakers, Tilemakers, Slaters, Lime-Men, Masons, and Paviours, in or near the Limits of the Weekly Bills of Mortality, humbly offered to the Consideration of the Honourable* House of Commons, *in Relation to the Duty intended to be laid on* Bricks, Tiles, Slate, Lime, *and* Stone, *within the Limits of the Bills of Mortality.*

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I. THAT by a modest Computation for several Years last past, the Bricks made within the Bills of Mortality amounts to Thirteen Millions Six Hundred Thousand; which, at Three Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Annum*,	2040	00	00

Note, That a Fifth Part of the said Bricks so made, as aforesaid, are sold, deliver'd, and us'd, out of the Bills of Mortality, which will lessen a Fifth Part of the above-intended Duty, by reason they will be supplied cheaper from and out of the Bills of Mortality, where they pay no Duty at all.

II. The Bricks made out of the Bills of Mortality, and supposed to be brought or used within the Limits of the said Bills of Mortality, by Land and Water-Carriage, and which will be subject to the Duty aforesaid, amounts to Seven Millions Two Hundred Thousand; which, at Three Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	1080	00	00

Note, That one Fifth Part of the said Bricks so last made, as aforesaid, will not be brought into the Bills of Mortality, by reason of paying the Duty aforesaid.

III. That the Number of plain Tiles made yearly within the Bills of Mortality, amounts to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand; which, at Four Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	50	00	00
IV. That the Number made of plain Tiles out of the Bills of Mortality, and which are brought into the same, and liable to the said Duty of Four Shillings *per* Thousand, amounts to One Million Seven Hundred Thousand, the Duty whereof comes to, *per Ann.*	340	00	00
V. That the Number of Ridge-Tiles sold within the Bills of Mortality, amounts to Eight Thousand, and the Duty of Six Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	02	08	00
VI. That the Number of Pan-Tiles made and used within the Bills of Mortality, amounts to yearly One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, the Duty whereof, at Six Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	45	00	00
VII. That the Number of Pan-Tiles made out of the Bills of Mortality, and brought, sold, and used, in the same, amounts to yearly about One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, the Duty whereof, at Six Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	45	00	00

Note, As for Gutter-Tiles there are none made within the Bills of Mortality, and that there are not One Thousand used there in a Year.

VIII. That there are made yearly within the Bills of Mortality about Eight Thousand Paving-Tiles, of Twelve Inches square; the Duty whereof, at Three Shillings *per* Hundred, will come to, *per Ann.*	12	00	00
IX. That there are made yearly, within the Bills of Mortality, of the lesser Sort of Paving-Tiles, Twenty-four Thousand, the Duty whereof, at One Shilling *per* Hundred, will come to, *per Ann.* being One Third of the Value of the Twelve-Inch Paving-Tiles,	12	00	00
X. That there are made without the Bills of Mortality, and brought in, and deliver'd, and liable to the Duty of Three Shillings *per* Hundred, about Twenty-five Thousand of Twelve-Inch Tiles, the Duty whereof comes to, *per Ann.*	37	10	00
XI. And of the lesser Size brought in, and liable to the Duty proportionable to the Twelve-Inch Tiles, about One Hundred and Five Thousand, the Duty whereof, at One Shilling *per* Hundred, comes to, *per Ann.*	52	10	00

Note, That this Tax on Bricks and Tiles will increase the Price at home, and will encourage the *Dutch*, and other Foreigners, to import them at cheaper Rates, and totally ruin the Trade, and several Hundred poor Families, who are imploy'd and brought up in the said Trade, and not capable of doing any other Business, must fall into those poor Parishes, which by reason of their Poverty already pay Four Shillings in the Pound to the Poor for Houses, and Eight Shillings *per* Acre for Land.

XII. That the Quantity of Slates for covering of Houses, which are made Use of, and liable to the Duty within the Bills of Mortality, amount to about One Hundred and Twenty Thousand, which at Four Shillings *per* Thousand, comes to, *per Ann.*	24	00	00
XIII. That the whole Quantity of Lime made, and brought into, the Bills of Mortality, and will be subject to the Duty, is Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Quarters, at Eight Bushels to the Quarter, which at Two Shillings *per* Quarter, amounts to, *per Ann.*	6250	00	00

Note, An Eighth Part thereof will be carried and used without the Bills of Mortality.

Note Also, That Three-pence *per* Bushel on Lime is as much as the whole Value of the Commodity, (Water and Land Carriage excepted.)

XIV. That the Quantity of Pebbles, Ragg-Stones, and all Sorts of Paving Stones for the Streets and Stables, used by the Paviours within the Bills of Mortality, and liable to the Duty, amounts to Ten Thousand Ton, which at Two Shillings *per* Ton, comes to, *per Ann.*	1000	00	00

Note, A Tenth Part thereof is used out of the Bills of Mortality.

XV. That there are brought within the Limits of the Bills of Mortality yearly Three Thousand and Fifty Tons of *Purbeck*, *Portland*, *Ryegate*, *Oxford*, *Newcastle*, and Marble Stone, for Mason's Use; which, at Two Shillings *per* Ton, comes to, *per Ann.*	305	00	00

Note, That the Tenth Part of the said Stone will be left short of the Bills of Mortality, and not liable to the Duty.

Note, That on the Marble there is Twenty *per Cent.* Custom *ad Valorem* paid coming into the River *Thames.*

☞ That by the aforesaid Computation the yearly Duty amounts to Eleven Thousand [illegible] Hundred Ninety-five Pounds, Eight Shillings; out of which it is reasonably to be [illegible], that a Fifth Part after the passing of this Act will not be consumed, by reason of the Heavy Duty upon the said Materials: And as to the Charge of Officers in Collecting the said Duty, what that will come to will be worthy of the Enquiry of this Honourable House,	11,295	08	00
Note, The Deduction of the Fifth of Bricks, and Eighth of Lime, amount to	1405	05	00
Upon the whole: Should this House, after the Reasons given, as aforesaid, pass a Bill, and subject the aforesaid Materials to the said intended Duty	9890	03	00

☞ Whether the Government will not lose by the Abatement of the Consumption a greater Duty on Coals, (which is not less than Seven Thousand Chaldron yearly) Timber, Deals, Iron, and Lead, than the said Duty will amount to.

The Calculations abovementioned are ready to be proved before the Honourable House of Commons, *if required.*

All which is humbly submitted to their Honours Consideration

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